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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 8 have been cancelled, leaving claims 2-7 and 9-25 currently pending in the present patent application.

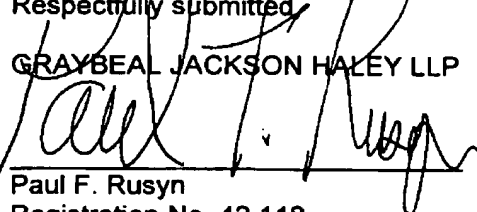
In the final Office Action mailed July 12, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 12-25 and objected to claims 5 and 9-11 as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but indicated these objected to claims were allowable if properly rewritten in independent form. The Examiner rejected claims 1-4 and 6-8.

Independent claims 1 and 8 have been cancelled and claims 5 and 9 rewritten in independent form. Dependent claims 2-7 and 10-11 have been amended to ultimately depend from claims 5 and 9, respectively. These claim amendments do not narrow the scopes of any of the amended claims and place all pending claims in condition for allowance. Note that although claims 1 and 8 have been cancelled, the undersigned does not necessarily agree that these claims are not patentable over the prior art of record, and claims of a similar or even broader scope may be pursued in a continuation application.

The present patent application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further questions about the application, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at (425) 455-5575 to resolve the matter. If any need for any fee in addition to that paid with this response is found, for any reason or at any point during the prosecution of this application, kindly consider this a petition therefore and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 07-1897.

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